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MR. SUNDAY GAZETTEER, will you please stand up and tell us where you found out about that new Cherokee lease? It reads mighty familiarly in this office.

The House Committee on Indian Affairs has decided to report favorably the Senate bill extending the time the St. Louis & San Francisco railroad may have in the construction of their road through the Indian Territory. The bill extends the time to two years from October last, and insures the early completion of the line.

AGENT DYER of the Cheyennes and Arapahoes was recently before the Dawes investigating committee. He made a statement that in his opinion the leasing of lands by those Indians to the cattlemen was a good move. That they now derive therefrom a revenue of nearly \$80,000 per annum, while before the lease was made nearly as many cattle were held there and only \$3,000 or \$4,000 was paid. He insisted that the department ought, now that the cattlemen were paying for leases, to approve the same and protect the lessees in their rights.

R. M. WOLF, one of our delegates, told a Washington Star reporter that the mysterious \$22,500 was paid to W. A. Phillips as a fee for his services as attorney and that he knows nothing further about it. Possibly the reporter misunderstood the gentleman, or romanced a trifle, and an examination by the committee may develop something after all. The Star says should the committee determine to call Mr. Phillips he could claim his privilege as an attorney, as a bar to the divulgence of any secrets, and thus end the inquiry.

They do not all look at Oklahoma in the same light. Here is what a correspondent of the Atchison Champion says: "It is a fraud to claim this country looks like Kansas did thirty years ago. Kansas is and was a queen, seated on a throne of her glorious destiny. This country is the natural home of the coyote and herdsman, hardly good enough for the Indians. The Oklahoma country is as false as the mirage of Sahara, and it is probable that God, in His infinite mercy, called the Christian Payne home to glory, to prevent him from luring the poor, deluded Kansan to his doom."

This Albuquerque Journal says the desire on the part of the Indians of the west for the education of their children is growing very rapidly. The influence these young sons of a pre-historic race will have upon the unlettered, older members of their respective tribes, and upon the new generations now merging from babyhood, will be such as soon to remove the necessity of armed force to restrain them within certain prescribed limits. It will not be many years before the Indian will, under his present schooling become like his white brother—self reliant and self supporting.

Is the CHIEFTAIN not a little too fast in the foregoing statement? The attention of the Principal Chief was few days since, called to this article, when he laughed heartily and remarked that, "no lease" of the country referred to "has been made—yet."—Advocate.

The "foregoing statement" alluded to is in relation to that syndicate lease which a number of our citizens insist they have seen. We are truly glad that the "Principal Chief laughed heartily." It is an indication that he is well and happy, and enjoys life. As to being too fast we would just say that for the CHIEFTAIN the statement was not at all "previous." The paper is owned and controlled by no syndicate and can talk of living issues while they are such. Mr. Advocate, the procession appears to be moving.

The investigation of the cattle lease matter was begun last Tuesday. Agent John W. Scott was called and stated that all the tribes under his care have leased portions of their reservations. The present policy of leasing he considered the best. He thought the prices generally fair but that more might now be realized, especially if open to competition. The Ponca leased 50,000 acres for \$17,000 per annum; the Pawnee leased 127,000 acres at three cents an acre for a term of ten years, and the Nez Perce leased a portion of their reserve for \$2,000 a year. Maj. John Q. Tule thought the Cherokee strip, leased at \$100,000 per annum, would now bring \$300,000 more. He had heard the rumors of irregular payments of money to agents, but could not trace them to any reliable source.

Most Assuredly.

VINITA, Jan. 6th, 1884.
To the Editors of the Indian Chieftain:

There can be no question in my opinion, about the necessity of discussing certain important public subjects without delay. Events in our country are moving rapidly. So they are everywhere else, but we have been in the condition of those who look for the current to arrive before we move and get out of the way. The current has come and now threatens an overflow. There is but little time to prepare for safety, or for rescue. No time should be lost.

What shall be done? That is the question. Who is empowered to make a reply? Nobody but the people. They are the ones who must decide, and after the decision is made, they must instruct their representatives what their decision is.

But before the proper and necessary policy is fixed upon by the people, they must agree upon one important and essential thing, namely: that some definite and established policy is necessary. They must be satisfied and agree among themselves that something, perhaps several things, have gone wrong and need to be put right. They must be convinced that the country is in danger, more or less, and that the danger can be avoided, and can only be avoided by themselves.

In consideration of what I have remarked, I now venture to write to the CHIEFTAIN to ask whether a frank and free discussion of any and all public subjects will not be agreeable to its readers. If so, though I do not by any means pretend to be correct in my notions of any public matters, yet still, it will be conceded that there is but one way to arrive at correct notions and that is by discussing the matters, and thus give an opportunity to those whose views are correct to put those views before the public.

Such is now my wish and intention. There are but two vehicles of public sentiment in our Nation—the CHIEFTAIN and the Advocate. By no other means than through these instrumentalities, can the true situation of their affairs be laid before the Cherokee people, and their views and opinions be brought to agree upon some settled policy. The main questions are those which are connected with our lands of course; the question of citizenship, allotment, and the like. The discussion of these questions in some of their aspects has been long taboed. The point is, shall it continue to be?

Very truly and respectfully,
C. B. BLOOM.

The suggestion of our correspondent is an excellent one and not only meets the approval of the CHIEFTAIN, but will, we feel certain, be endorsed by its readers. Our columns are always at the disposal of correspondents desiring to discuss living issues in a dispassionate manner. The time for action has certainly arrived and the sooner the practice of keeping quiet for policy's sake is abandoned, the better it will be for all parties. These questions and issues must be met sometime and the present seems most propitious.

Oklahoma Matters.
The following associated press dispatches from Caldwell give the most reliable information to be obtained regarding the invasion of this Territory:

January 5.—Thursday troops will leave here for the Boomers' camp on Stillwater, where Capt. Couch's column of three hundred men are located. Gen. Hatch says he will have two Hotchkiss guns and skilled men to work them. He does not intend to lose a man in a short range fight, but will retire and open on the boomers' camp with these long range guns. He does not desire a fight, but his orders are iron-clad and specific and will be executed to the letter. Hope's column will resist when called on to surround, but if they do not leave peacefully there will be trouble. A column direct from Couch's camps yesterday called on the press agent for a scope of General Hatch's orders and his intentions in the matter. From him it was learned that they obey Capt. Couch's orders implicitly and will resist the soldiers when he gives the word. They are all well armed and prepared for fight. They say they will not be removed except by superior numbers and force. They threaten if removed, to burn every ranch out in Oklahoma and on the Cherokee strip.

January 6.—Advisers received from Camp Russell indicate that the party now invading Oklahoma is there for no other purpose than to bring on a collision with the troops instructed to keep intruders off these lands. There are four hundred armed men and no families with them. They declare they are there for the purpose of resisting the government. Raising the Territory under the guise of hunters, they have rendezvoused at one place. There is no evidence of the peaceful occupation of the settlers. Gen. Hatch is moving with troops to remove them, and should they of life, it will be by armed resistance to the lawful orders of the government in enforcing the law of the Union.

Delayed Atoka News.

The Christmas season is passing off quietly down this way. A good deal of "fire water" seems to be around, judging from the whooping and yelling, but we have not heard of any tragedies as yet. Perhaps it is diluted considerably. If the corks were left out the last few days we know it was diluted for it has been raining, drizzling and misting for about a week.

The church-going people had a very interesting and profitable Christmas concert service. The tree for the little folks was a failure, but judging by the way the merchants sold toys, new caps, handkerchiefs, perfume, etc., etc. and so on, there must have been a good many glad hearts in our town, not only among the little folks but the older ones, and not only among the rich but also the poor.

Atoka society has been stirred recently by the news from Mississippi that Mr. J. J. Phillips, one of our merchant princes, an old bachelor, would soon return from a visit to his former home and bring back a young bride with him. Sure enough the party arrived yesterday and friend Joe looks about twenty-five years younger. Somebody friend Joe looks to-day with a chivalry and he immediately gave orders to our restaurant man to fix up an oyster supper to which everybody and his wife are invited.

The coal mines at McAlester, Savanna and Atoka are doing an immense business now. The orders from Texas are tremendous. Several coal trains go south every day and the nation and individual owners reap a rich royalty. Many of the old citizens are wondering why they did not secure coal claims a year or more ago. You can frequently hear "if my fore sight had been as good as my hind sight I might be getting rich now as some of these other fellows." Our observation is that these "hind sight" men never amount to much. If people expect to succeed in this world they must keep their eyes open and look ahead. Watch as well as pray, is necessary in business as well as religion.

NIMROPHOR.

December 28th, 1884.

Our citizen, E. C. Boudnot, seems to be at "flood tide" in Washington, especially with the Globe-Democrat correspondent. Following is a special dispatch which appeared in last Tuesday's paper:

The friends of Col. E. C. Boudnot, the Cherokee, are moving quickly to secure for him the appointment of commissioner of Indian affairs under the new administration. Among his warmest supporters are numbered Senators Vothness, Beck and Lamar. The Missouri delegation, Senators and Representatives, are expected to be for him solidly, on the ground that, if appointed, St. Louis and Kansas City will obtain recognition that they do not now get as valuable markets for purchase of supplies. In support of the argument that a man with Indian blood and ties is peculiarly fitted for this position, the friends of Col. Boudnot recall the services of Commissioner Parker, who was of the Cattaraugus Tribe and a nephew of the old Chief, Red Jacket. It is borne in mind, of course, that Col. Boudnot's appointment will be violently opposed by an element in the Territory, but it is urged that those who object to him have been the favorites of the republican administrations, and will not be entitled to any special consideration from democrats.

TERRITORY AND BORDER NOTES.

There are eight thousand Sunday School scholars in Labette county, and fifty Sunday Schools and 411 teachers. Crawford county has 100 schools and Cherokee sixty-eight.

The following new project originates with the Baxter Springs News. The navigation of Grand and Spring rivers from the Arkansas to this point is being talked of here and is not an impracticable scheme at all. There is sufficient water flowing in Spring river at its lowest stage, to carry boats of good size and tonnage. The opening of this route would furnish very cheap transportation for Kansas wheat to the southern markets, where prices are always good. What do you think of it?

Cheyenne Transporter.—News came up from the Wichita Agency on Thursday of a drowning that occurred last week, in which three lives were lost. Thomas Russell, Phil McCusker and Geo. Thomas were crossing Red River and some unknown accident, were drowned. * * * Capt. Bennett came up from camp last week to spend the holidays with his family, leaving Lieut. Day in command of the Oklahoma field. The general Captain has been somewhat indisposed since coming in, but it is now expected that he will be able to resume his command in a few days.

Sam'l Roehett, a boomer, shot Jake Wendell at Caldwell causing a very dangerous but not necessarily fatal result. The shooting was brought about by Wendell and two companions named Levy and Warner continually following Roehett around and pestering him until he got mad. Several times he tried to get away from his persecutors and at last slipped through a back door and went to the stable where his horses were put up. The trio followed him, and it resulted in Wendell's perilous escape. Roehett was given a trial and turned loose.

Wendell is improving and says he and his companions were entirely blameless and requests that Roehett be relieved from all annoyance.

NOTES FOR THE STOCK MAN.

Hog cholera has broken out in portions of Labette county.

John Chisum of Lincoln county, and celebrated as New Mexico's pioneer cattle king, died last week at Bureka Springs, Ark., whither he had gone for his health.

Last spring Mr. J. L. Barrier, who resides near Reece, Kansas, bought some steers for which he paid \$43 per head. Last fall he put them on full feed, and last week he shipped them to St. Louis and after paying all expenses of shipping he realized \$48 per head. In other words, Mr. B. lost all the corn which he fed those cattle, besides his work and time.

A biography of this noted man ought to be interesting reading, especially if written by the famous hero-journalist and veteran war correspondent, Archibald Forbes. It is not, therefore, surprising to see numerous editions of it published. First there was the English edition, of course at a high price, then a reprint at \$1.00 per copy, by an American "high-price" publisher; now follows the "Literary Revolution" edition, large handsome type, neat cloth binding, for only 50 cents! The publisher, John B. Alden, 393 Pearl street, New York, will send a 100-page descriptive catalogue of his publications, covering the entire field of standard literature, free to any applicant.

Editor Marsh Murdock, of the Wichita Eagle, at one time a state senator, tells something about the names of the western counties in Kansas, in the following article.

During the winter of 1872 the Kansas house passed a bill defining the boundaries and naming all the counties in the western half of the state. In the house the same spirit of buncombe prevailed alluded to above. They named thirty or forty counties after living Kansas statesmen. There were Plumb, Haskell, Ingalls, Stotler, Martin, Anthony, Murdock and we don't know how many others. When the bill reached the senate the writer of this protested against such inexcusable and vainglorious foolishness, suggesting that half of the men for whom the counties were named might land in the penitentiary. The suggestion took and Senator Snoddy, if we remember rightly, moved that the whole matter be referred to a special committee consisting of three senators who represented the territory named, with the writer as chairman, the other two members being Senator Edwards of Ellis and Senator Barker of Jewell. The counties were named for Indian tribes and soldiers in the main. What is now Finney county, was named for the man who invented the Cherokee alphabet, a learned Indian whose senator Edwards had known. He had spent most of his life in the territory of which Kansas was formed, and it was a fool move, the wiping out of Seneyah and substituting Finney. The last county named was the one falling in the extreme southwest corner of the state, which was among the counties left for the writer to name. We called it "Kaw," for the tribe of Indians formerly located in Morris county, and for which tribe the state was named. The clerk of the committee got it "Kansas."

We hope the coming legislature will restore "Seneyah" and the names and boundaries of Clark, Mead, Comanche, and all the balance, and wipe out "St. John."

SALLIE BENTON, a four year old filly, the property of Gov. Stanford of Colorado, has trotted a mile in 2:17.3-4. Sallie will more than likely be the equal of Maud S., some day.

SITTING BULL is now so far advanced in athletics that he is brought to believe the napkin to be the basis of civilization, and when he comes to the dinner table he carefully spreads his napkin on his chair and solemnly sits down on it; so it is alleged at least.

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Crop off left ear and split in right. Range—On Jones Creek, eight miles northeast of Vinita, I. T. 29

MRS. J. B. CUEL,
Post-office, Coffeyville, Kans.
J O on left hip or side, and saddle stirr on right side or hip. Range on Carl creek. 41

W. O. FATTON & CO.,
Post-office, Vinita, I. T.

Smooth crop in the left ear. Horses branded the same on the left hip. Range—Rock creek. 41

WM. DONALDSON,
Post-office, Vinita, Ind. Ter.

Some cattle brand'd on left side. Range—On Little Cabin Creek, nine miles northeast of Vinita. 41

T. F. THOMPSON,
P. O. Vinita, I. T.

Range on Big Cabin Creek, 3 miles south of Vinita. 41

W. T. BEATTY,
Post-office, Vinita, I. T.

Brand on either side or hip. Range north from Vinita. 41

V. GRAY,
Post-office, Chouteau, I. T.

Some cattle brand'd on left side. Ear mark—Over slope in each ear. Range on Pryor's creek, I. T. 41

JESSE COCHRAN,
Post-office, Chelsea, I. T.

Smooth crop off of left ear. Range—four miles west of Chelsea. 41

DAVID BLUEJACKET,
Post-office, Chelsea, Kans.

E O on right side. Also G on right side. Range on head-water of Little Cabin creek. 41

F. M. CROWELL,
Post-office, Vinita, Indian Territory.

Some branded on left hip. Horse brand O S on left shoulder. Range on Shawnee creek, 9 miles n. e. of Vinita. 41

O. M. McOlellan,
Post-office, Osawatomie, I. T.

A few are branded on left side. A few cattle branded on right side. Range on Shawnee creek, 9 miles n. e. of Vinita. 41

J. O. HALL,
Post-office, Vinita, I. T.

Underbit in each ear. Horse brand same on left hip. Range—Between Cabin and Pryor's creeks. 41

JOHN K. PRIOR,
P. O., Cooyah or Chouteau, I. T.

Mark, under slope one ear, over slope the other (either ear). Range on Grand River ten miles east of Pryor's Creek divide. 41

NATHANIEL SKINNER,
Post-office, Vinita, I. T.

Under slope in each ear. Range—Pryor's creek, 20 m. south of Vinita near M. K. & T. 41

R. M. WILLIAMS,
Post-office, Prairie City, I. T.

Crop off left ear, underbit in each ear. O W on right hip, X on left horn. Range—O S on left side. 41

W. G. NEILMS,
Post-office, Vinita, I. T.

Range on Rock creek, 18 miles south of Vinita. 41

A. MILLS,
Post-office, Chetopa, Kans.

Smooth crop and underhack in each ear. 41

ARTHUR DODGE,
Coffeyville, Kansas.

Range, Wolf Creek, 10 miles south Coffeyville. 41

B. F. FORTNEY,
Post-office, Vinita, Ind. Ter.

Various marks and brands. Range near Chetopa. 41

Cherokee Orphan Asylum,
Mark, smooth crop in left ear and underbit in right.

H. B. Henry—P. O. Vinita, I. T.
Also on left side. Various other marks and old brands. Range on White Oak Creek. 10

MOSES KROKUR,
Post-office, Sac and Fox Agency.

Some old cattle brand ed only on right hip. Range—On brand K on right shoulder. Ear mark, crop off the right. 41

JOSEPH HUNT,
Post-office, Vinita, I. T.

Crop and split in left ear, underbit and sine tag in right ear. Range, 12 miles west of Vinita, at the head of Pryor's creek. Range, between Pryor's and Lightning creeks. 41

R. R. TAYLOR,
Post-office, Vinita, I. T.

Branded on both sides. Crop of left ear and split in right. Range, Locust creek. 41

W. H. MARKER,
Post-office, Vinita, I. T.

Crop off of left ear, underbit and crop in right. Range, Locust creek. 41

W. E. HALSELL,
Post-office, Vinita, I. T.

Some cattle branded on hip. Range—Big Cabin creek. 41

W. T. DAVIS,
P. O. Vinita, I. T.

Range on Grand river between Cabin & Duck creeks. 41

J. R. WELLS,
Post-office, Coffeyville, Kansas.

Various other brands and marks. Some having the letter E on their regular ear tag, off of the ear. Range on Verdigris river, above Coffeyville and on Big Creek. Will be given information of sales to J. R. Wells. 41

EVANS, HUNTER & NEWMAN,
Evansville, Kansas.

Half-breed cattle all branded on left side and hip. Some ear marked and some unmarked. The latter are called "Texas steers" and have a Texas star on their heads. Range—Comanche county pool. 41

M. W. COUCH,
Post-Office, Lightning Creek, I. T.

Range, Wolf Creek, 10 miles south Coffeyville. 41

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